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REMARKS

In an office action mailed on 01/10/2007, claims 1,2,6, and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 112 as indefinite; claims 8-11 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Goldfarb, US 3933354; claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Goldfarb in view of Schousek, US 6188742.

Claim 8 describes a target controller comprising four counters operating and/or interacting for various specific purposes involving target presentation, duration, and target count. The Office Action cites Goldfarb, col. 2 lines 60-70; col. 3 lines 29-54; col. 4 lines 1-16; and col. 5 lines 25-70, as teaching all aspects of the claims. However, in regards to target presentation, duration, or target count, Goldfarb teaches only a single counter, (UP/DOWN BINARY COUNTER 124). Goldfarb is thus facially unsuitable to anticipate a claim that recites four counters with regards to target presentation, duration, or count.

Likewise, claim 11 recites two counters, counting at different rates, that among other things cooperate to determine target presentation delay, presentation duration, and presentation count. Goldfarb, which describes only a single counter with regard to any of these features, is facially unsuitable to anticipate a claim that recites two cooperating counters.

Claim 1 describes, among other things, that presentation of the target continues for one of a) an unpredictable presentation time interval, and b) a selectable predetermined time interval. Claim 1 also describes, among other things, that the presentation repeats for one of a) an unpredictable presentation count, and b) a selectable predetermined presentation count.

None of these features appear anywhere in Goldfarb or Schousek. Schousek is directed to timing a user's reaction to an event, counting events, or measuring the magnitude of an event. There is nothing in Schousek about varying the presentation time of a target (time after a target appears, before it disappears again), either predictably or

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unpredictably. There is nothing in Schousek about repeating the presentation of a target predictably or not predictably.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued covering the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the present application, please contact the undersigned.

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